

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 991

By Hackworth

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Boy Scout Troop 129
on the occasion of its Sixty-Fifth Anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly pause from time to time to pay tribute to those sterling organizations that, over the courses of their existence, have become the standard bearers of commitment, responsible citizenship, education, self-reliance, and character development; and

WHEREAS, Boy Scout Troop 129 of Oak Ridge is one such estimable association whose efforts to develop the character and citizenship as well as the mental and physical fitness of boys and young adults should not go unrecognized; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2010, this admirable troop will be celebrating its Sixty-Fifth Anniversary, the first troop in the Oak Ridge area to reach such a significant milestone; and

WHEREAS, with its mission “to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law,” the Boy Scouts of America has contributed greatly to the lives of millions of young men over the past century, and Troop 129 will join with its fellow Scouts across the country in celebrating the centenary of Boy Scouts of America this year as well; and

WHEREAS, the rich history of Troop 129 dates back to 1945 with the American Society of Safety Engineers serving as the group’s first sponsor; and

WHEREAS, in 1949, the Kiwanis Club of Oak Ridge became the sponsor for this laudable group of youths and continues its sponsorship even today, some sixty-one years later; and

WHEREAS, throughout Troop 129’s illustrious scouting history, many volunteers have guided young men to reach their full scouting potential; since its inception, eight men and one

woman have given unreservedly of themselves as Scoutmasters, including William T. Black, Ernest Hobson, Charles Floyd, Charles Abeln, Tom Moore, Edward Pierce, Steve Klima, Joni Morgan, and Steve Bellofatto; and

WHEREAS, George Burke and Harold Hartman have also been significant contributors to Troop 129 by rendering sterling service as Kiwanis Institutional Representatives for many years; and

WHEREAS, offering their boundless enthusiasm, tireless work ethic, and moral courage, distinguished Scouts Larry Blair, Jim McCauley, Lloyd Stokes, and Fred Chatten have devoted over 162 years of service to Troop 129 and the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, the highest achievement a Boy Scout can attain is the rank of Eagle Scout, and this prestigious troop has produced 104 members of the distinct Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, at a time when the youth of our country face tremendous challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of this nation's greatest assets, just as Troop 129 is a great asset to Tennessee; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join with the Scouts and volunteer leaders of Oak Ridge in celebrating the Sixty-Fifth Anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 129, congratulate them on sixty-five years of scouting excellence, and wish them much continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.